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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN

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FOR: DEVICE FOR PROTECTION

AGAINST ELECTROSTATIC

DISCHARGES FOR MICROELECTRONIC COMPONENTS ON SOI TYPE SUBSTRATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 11-20 as follows:

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11. (New) Device for protection of an electronic component against electrostatic discharges, the device being made in a semiconducting layer of a substrate, the semiconducting layer covering an insulating layer, the device being connected to a contact